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Please delete the first full paragraph at the top of page 1 of this application and substitute therefore the following:

-- The present application is a divisional application of Application No. 09/322,337 filed May 28, 1999, now allowed, which claims the benefit of the filing date of Provisional Patent Application No. 60/087,264 filed May 29, 1998 and entitled "Bi-Directional Ring Network Having Minimum Spare Bandwidth Allocation and Corresponding Connection Admission Control".--